

V-05.01 Wetlands

Generally speaking, many projects that the NDDOT constructs involve the moving of dirt to one degree or another.

One thing the designer should be aware of is Wetlands. The attempt should be to not fill or drain the wetland. Quite often this is not possible. In these cases the DOT mitigates the loss of these wetlands with others, either on site or if necessary off site. In nearly all cases the loss of wetlands is the result of filling rather than draining.

The designer should consult with the DOT Biologist, (Design Division), in these cases.

V-05.02 Wildlife Areas

There have been areas set aside for wildlife known as Preserves. Every attempt should be made to avoid these areas. If avoidance is not possible, the DOT should consult the DOT Biologist and the respective wildlife agency to determine the mitigation that would be necessary.

V-05.03 404 Permits

Generally when the Corps of Engineers issues a 404 for a respective project they will include some commitments that are to be incorporated in the project. The designer should be advised that these become conditions of the 404 and should be incorporated in the project. If the designer has questions, contact the Environmental and Engineering Section in the Design Division.